

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1           **Claim 1 (Currently amended):** An apparatus for applying a  
2           substance to a human body during predetermined time intervals,  
3           comprising:

4           a hearing device comprising two[[an]] outer shells[[shell]]  
5           and at least one other member, both shells~~the shell~~ being adapted  
6           to a shape of an application area for said device at an  
7           individual, [[and ]]the shells[[shell]] being exchangeable from  
8           said at least one other member remote from said individual; and  
9           the substance being provided at an outer[[a]] surface of one of  
10          said shells, wherein the other one of said shells lacks the  
11          substance[[shell]].

1           **Claim 2 (Canceled)**

1           **Claim 3 (Currently amended):** The apparatus of claim 1  
2           wherein said substance exhibits controlled migration through said  
3           one of said shells[[shell]] and to the surface of said one of  
4           said shells~~the shell~~.

1           **Claim 4 (Original):** The apparatus of claim 3 wherein said  
2           substance is at least one of antibioticly active and an

3       antimicrobial agent.

1               **Claim 5 (Original):** The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the  
2       surface is roughened.

1               **Claim 6 (Original):** The apparatus of claim 5 wherein the  
2       substance is a film disposed in interstices of the surface.

1               **Claim 7 (Original):** The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the  
2       substance is structured.

1               **Claim 8 (Original):** The apparatus of claim 7 wherein the  
2       substance is a film disposed in interstices of the surface.

1               **Claim 9 (Original):** The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the  
2       substance is a micro-structured.

1               **Claim 10 Original):** The apparatus of claim 9 wherein the  
2       substance is a film disposed in interstices of the surface.

1               **Claim 11 (Original):** The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the  
2       surface is porous.

1               **Claim 12 (Original):** The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the  
2       substance is disposed in pores of the surface.

1           **Claim 13 (Original):** The apparatus of claim 12 wherein the  
2           substance is disposed in the pores so as to be slowly dispatched  
3           therefrom.

1           **Claim 14 (Original):** The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the  
2           substance is a gel.

1           **Claim 15 (Original):** The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the  
2           substance is a liquid.

1           **Claim 16 (Original):** The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the  
2           substance is a paste.

1           **Claim 17 (Original):** The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the  
2           substance is antibiotically active.

1           **Claim 18 (Original):** The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the  
2           substance is an antimicrobial agent.

1           **Claim 19 (Original):** The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the  
2           substance is a film.

1           **Claim 20 (Currently amended):** A method of applying a  
2           substance to a human body during predetermined time intervals,  
3           comprising the steps of:

4                   providing a hearing device comprising ~~a shell~~two outer  
5       shells and at least one other member, wherein ~~the shell is~~both  
6       shells are adapted to the shape of an application area for the  
7       device at an individual, the ~~shell is~~shells being exchangeable  
8       from[[on]] said at least one other member, ~~the shell~~one of said  
9       shells having the substance on an outer surface thereof, wherein  
10      the other one of said shells lacks the substance;

11                   applying ~~the shell~~said one of said shells on the other  
12      member; and

13                   applying said hearing device to an individual.

1           **Claim 21 (Currently amended):** The method of claim 20[[1]]  
2       wherein the surface is roughened, structured, or micro-structured  
3       and further comprising the step of applying the substance into  
4       interstices of the surface.

1           **Claim 22 (Canceled)**

1           **Claim 23 (Currently amended):** The method of claim 20  
2       wherein said substance exhibits controlled migration through said  
3       one of said shells~~shell~~ and to the surface of said one of said  
4       shells~~the shell~~.

1           **Claim 24 (Original):** The method of claim 23 wherein said  
2       substance is at least one of antibioticly active and an  
3       antimicrobial agent.

1           **Claim 25 (Currently amended):** The method of claim 21  
2 further comprising the step of removing said one of said  
3 shells~~the shell~~ from the other member and applying the other one  
4 of said shells~~a new shell~~ on the other member.

1           **Claim 26 (Currently amended):** The method of claim 25  
2 wherein the steps of removing said one of said shells~~the shell~~  
3 and applying the other one of said shells~~the new shell~~ are  
4 performed remotely from the individual.

1           **Claim 27 (Currently amended):** The method of claim 20  
2 further comprising the step of applying the substance to the  
3 outer surface of said one of said shells~~the shell~~ remotely from  
4 the individual.

1           **Claim 28 (Currently amended):** The method of claim 20  
2 wherein the step of applying said one of said shells~~the shell~~ on  
3 the other member is performed remotely from the individual.